

The Daily Courant.

Wednesday, February 14. 1705.

From the Brussels Gazette, dated Feb. 13.

Casal, January 25.

THE Siege of Verue has been carried on with great difficulty, because the Weather has been very bad for several Days, and the Rains and Snows made the Trenches in such a Condition that it was hardly possible for the Soldiers to keep in them and be cover'd from the Enemy's Fire. But the Weather beginning to grow fair again, 'tis hop'd that toilsome Siege will speedily be brought to a good Issue. The 20 Pieces of Cannon, all twenty four Pounders, brought from France to Genoa, are arriv'd in the Camp, and are placing on the Batteries to play upon the little Fort that is in the Isle between the 2 Bridges, in Order to cut off the Communication of Crescentino with Verue. The Duke of Savoy depends so much upon the Continuance of this Communication, that he has laid up no Magazine of Provisions in Verue. So that the Garrison subsists only upon what is brought into them daily. All the Deserters agree, that this Garrison consists of 2 Battalions that are in English Pay, and are not reliev'd but do common Duty in the inner part of the Place; that the Piemontese and German Troops, posted in the Works fronting the Attack, supported by 4 Companies of Grenadiers are reliev'd daily; and that 2 Battalions mount the Guard in the Fort on the Island; the rest of the Infantry are at Crescentino, and the Cavalry quarter'd about Chiavris for securing the Bridge on the Doria, and the Communication between Crescentino and Turin. The taking of the Place will be no hard Matter now, for there is nothing more to be done than to make a sufficient Breach in the 3d Wall, which is much shaken already, is but weak and has no Ditch to it; but there are Mines ready in the whole Front almost of the Attack, the Chambers of which Mines were fill'd 12 Days ago, as Deserters tell us, who likewise say the Piemontese and German Soldiers are at Variance.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated Feb. 20.

Milan, Feb. 7. The Duke of Vendome's Baggage having been sent from the Camp before Verue to Biegra in the Milaneze; and not only his, but likewise the Baggage of all the Lieutenant-Generals that are with him; we began to apprehend the Siege of Verue was to be rais'd; the rather because an Assault cannot be given without running a Risque of ruining the whole Army of the 2 Crowns, every Foot of Ground they must necessarily march to the Assault being undermin'd: But we have Intelligence from the Camp, that the Duke of Vendome having receiv'd new Orders from Court to go on with the Siege, and to hazard every thing to bring it to a good Issue, continues to attack by Trenches the Bridge of Communication of Crescentino with the Place, tho' with little Success.

Amsterdam, Feb. 20. 'Tis advis'd from Switzerland, that News was come thither by Letters from Italy, that a Detachment of 4000 French that were sent to insult the Camp at Crescentino, or to beat up some of the Quarters of the Allies, were so vigorously attack'd in the Plain of Caluso by General Felts at the Head of a considerable Body of Horse, that they were intirely defeated; and that a French General Officer who commanded that Detachment was among the slain. But these Advices from Switzerland not mentioning the Day when this

Action happen'd, and the Letters that are come directly from Italy saying nothing of it, we expect a Confirmation before we give intire Credit to it.

It seems Montmelian is not block'd up very closely; for Letters from Geneva of the 11th of this Month, say, that the Night between the 8th and 9th a Party of that Garrison came to the Village of Chene, which is within a Mile and a half of Geneva, and took about 2000 Livres in Money out of the Office of the Excise upon Salt; and oblig'd two Persons belonging to that Office to sign a Promise to repair within a certain Number of days to Montmelian. These Letters tell us likewise, that there is an Insurrection in the Franche-Comte; but give us no particulars.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated Feb. 19.

Triers, Feb. 9. The French Spy who was convicted of attempting to set on Fire the Magazines the Allies have laid up in this City, was hang'd the 7th Instant. Our Garrison consisting of 12000 Men, some Houses have a Dozen Soldiers quarter'd upon them. About 1000 Men are kept to Work daily on a new Fort that is building for covering this City, near the Bridge of Contz, where the Saar discharges it self into the Moselle. The Hussars that are quarter'd in our Neighbourhood, continue their IncurSIONS into the Diocess of Metz; and 200 of them in Conjunction with an independant Company, advanc'd very near to Metz and burnt 4 Villages in sight of that Place; the Inhabitants of one of those Villages retir'd into a Church and shot at our Hussars from thence, but the Hussars set the Church on Fire, and it was burnt to the Ground with almost all the Peasants that were in it: After which they attack'd 150 Horse of the Garrison of Metz that came out against them, and intirely defeated them, killing the Lieutenant-Colonel that commanded them; with many other Officers and Soldiers, and taking 1 Lieutenant, 1 Cornet, and 14 Soldiers, with 70 Horses. Yesterday the Hussars return'd hither with their Prisoners and Booty.

Paris, Feb. 13. The 7th Instant the Marshal de Villars arriv'd at Metz. He was to take a Review a few days after of the Troops that are in Winter-quarters in the Places along the Moselle and the Saar. And 'tis given out he is to take the Field the Beginning of March, with an Army of 52000 Foot and 20000 Horse, among which will be the greatest part of the Troops of the Household, to act offensively against the Enemy on the Moselle.

From the Amst. Gazette, dated Feb. 20.

Triers, Feb. 13. The French threaten to attack this Place, but the Troops of the Allies are prepar'd to receive them. We have Intelligence that the Marshal de Villars is arriv'd at Metz; that the Enemy are making 2 great Magazines of Hay and Oats in the Ditch of Luxembourg; that on the 9th a Regiment of Horse arriv'd there from the Netherlands as did a Regiment of French Dragoons the 10th, and one of Spanish Dragoons the 11th. The French expect more Horse, and also some Regiments of Foot from the Netherlands.

Paris, Feb. 13. The Advices from Languedoc of the 4th of this Month, tell us, that those Inhabitants of that Province who through Fear or by Order had quitted their Habitations, are permitted to return to them, and even that their Arms will be restor'd to them. Of the Forces that have been for some time employ'd in Languedoc,

guedoc, there remain only 3 Companies of the Regiment of Courfin, 9 of that of Cordes, 2 of that of Hainault, 13 of Miquelets, 33 of Fusileers maintain'd by the Province, and the Regiment of Dragoons of St. Sernin. The 2 Battallions of Froule and Gaffioz, 2 of Charolois, 1 of Dauphine, and 1 of Soissonnois; are marching towards Lyons, where they are to receive further Orders. The 3 Battallions that came from before Montmelian are sent back to joyn the Troops that block up that Fortrefs; but the Regiment of Dragoons of Fimarcon is gone into Auvergne, to suppress some disorderly People there call'd *Faux-Sauviers*. The Fusiliers of Rouffillon, in number 13 Companies, are marching to Grenoble, whence the Duke de la Feuillade will send them into Savoy. The Sieur de Roufel, an eminent Ingenier, is set out from hence to follow that Duke. We have no Advice yet of the Arrival of Monsieur de Lapara in the Camp before Verue, but he was expected there by the 7th or 8th of this Month. They have begun there to open the Trench that is to be made Use of in attacking the Work that covers the Bridge of Communication; but they write from thence that they are apprehensive they shall not be able to perfect it, because 'tis expos'd to the Fire of the Donjon. The last Letters from Madrid, dated the 30th of January, say, that the Marshal de Theffe was gone from thence to the Camp before Gibraltar, with Orders to inspect the Condition of the Works against the Place and that of the Troops employ'd in that Siege, and then to return to give an Account thereof to the Court; that upon the Report he shall make they may determine whether to turn that Siege into a Blockade or not: 'Tis talk'd they are inform'd, that if 3000 Men are posted somewhere in the Neighbourhood of that Place, it may be render'd of little or no Advantage to the Enemy. The Marshal de Villeroi is expected here the 15th or 16th of this Month. All the subaltern Officers of the Army that are here, have receiv'd fresh Order to hasten their Departure to their respective Posts. The Levies of new Regiments and Recruits, are carried on with all possible Diligence; but it may be presum'd from the following Edict, that the Intendants of the Provinces find it no easy Task to furnish the Number requir'd of them.

HIS Majesty having been inform'd that contrary to the Prohibitions specified in his Ordonances relating to the Troops; many Persons who have been nominated or upon whom the Lot has fallen to serve in them, have absented themselves from their Parishes; and judging it necessary to order new Penalties to make them return to their duty and oblige them to March whither they were appointed, his Majesty has order'd and orders that within 15 Days after the Publication of this present Arrêt, all those on whom the Lot fell to serve in the Troops, as well this Year as the preceeding, and who have absented themselves from their Parishes, shall be oblig'd to appear before the Intendants of the Generalities to which they belong, to receive their Orders and be conducted according to the Routes his Majesty shall cause to be made out, to the Regiments for which they were chosen: Which if they shall fail to do, his Majesty most expressly enjoyns all Provosts Marshal to make very strict search for them, and to seize those they shall find; that they may be punish'd with Whipping and branding with the Flower de Lys, in the publick Streets of the Place of their usual Abode; which Punishment shall not be remitted under any pretence whatever. His Majesty's Will likewise is, that those who after the Publication of the Orders sent for levying Troops, absented themselves from their Parishes to avoid the drawing of Lots; and those who being nominated to serve, shall hire Soldiers to serve in their Room, shall also be condemn'd to be whipp'd and branded with the Flower de Lys, unless within the said Time of 15 days they return to their Parishes to perform such Orders as shall be given them by the said Intendants. As for Soldiers who shall de-

sert the Regiments to which they were sent, after they have joyn'd them; His Majesty's Intention is, that they be punish'd according to the Rigour of the Ordonances against Deserters. Done at Versailles, Feb. 1. 1705. Sign'd Louis, and underneath Chamillart.

London, February 14.

These are to give Notice, that on Friday the 16th Instant the Anniversary Sermon will be Preached before the Society, incorporated by Royal Charter, for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, at Bow Church in Cheap-side, at Ten of the Clock in the Morning.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Wednesday being the 14th of February, will be presented The Tragedy of Oedipus King of Thebes. With all the Musick compos'd by the late Mr. Henry Purcell, and perform'd by Mr. Leveridge, Mr. Hughs, and others. And tomorrow will be presented a Comedy call'd, Tunbridge-Walks, or, The Yeoman of Kent. The Part of Woodcock, the Yeoman of Kent, to be perform'd by Mr. Estcourt. These Plays are Sold by Richard Wellington at the Dolphin and Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard. Where you may have most Novels.

An Entertainment by

Mr. CLINCH of BARNET, who imitates the Flute, Double Curtail, the Organ with three Voices, the Horn, Huntsman and Pack of Hounds, and several other things too tedious to be inserted. To be seen at the Great James Tavern in Bishopsgate-street, this present Wednesday being the 14th instant, beginning exactly at Six a Clock in the Evening. price 1 s.

This present Wednesday at 5 a Clock, in the lower Walk of Exeter-Exchange in the Strand, will be continued the Sale by Auction of a curious Collection of Books, Greek, Latin, Italian, French & English, most of them are neatly bound, Gilt back, and Letter'd, beginning at the sixth Page, in which there is Biblia Poliglotta and Lexicon, 8 Vol. Graevius's Thesaurus Roman. & Italiae, Gronovius's Thesaurus Graecarum, 31 Volumes, Horatius, Virgilius, Terentius and Juvenal, 4 Vol. Typographia Regia, &c. Catalogues Sold for 6 d. by Mr. King at the Judge's Head in Westminster-Hall, Edw. Castle at Scotland-Yard-Gate near White-hall, Mr. Chapman in the Pall-Mall, P. Varenne at Seneca's Head near Somerset-House in the Strand, Mr. Wotton at the Three Daggers near the Temple-Gate, J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, S. Crouch at the corner of Pope's Head-Alley in Cornhill, and at the Place of Sale.

Bibliotheca Millingtoniana Pars Altera: Or a Catalogue of Books, Greek, Latin and English, in all Faculties and Sciences, which will be sold by Auction at the late Mr. Millington's Warehouse in St. Bartholomew-Close near Little-Britain on Monday the 19th instant. Catalogues may be had at 6 d. a piece (which shall be return'd to any Person that buys to the value of 10 Shillings) at Mr. Barker's in Westminster-hall, Mr. Cox without Temple-bar, Mr. Hartley in Holborn, Mr. Knaplock in St. Paul's Church-yard, Mr. Barker under the Royal Exchange, Mr. Shirley in Oxford, Mr. Thurlbourne in Cambridge, Book-sellers, and at the Place of Sale. The Books may be view'd three days before the Sale.

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Last Monday was Publish'd,

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